

REMARKS

Claim 12 has been amended as has Claims 13 and 14.

Claims 23, 24 and 25 have been added.

Claim 12 was objected to as reciting the limitation "sheeting attached to the runners ..." While no specific numeral is used for sheeting, the use of the term sheeting in the construction art is well known as describing a sheet of material attached to a vertical plane. Further, the third full paragraph of page 11 of the specification describes various alternatives for types of materials to be used as sheeting. It is believed sufficient description is provided for the term sheeting, including the identification of plaster board, etc. The sheeting is attached and bears against the sides of the module as a well known and standard construction technique. In view of the conventional sheeting, there is not believed to be any omission from the specification.

Claims 12 through 20 were rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over the references to Perri in view of Gromat and Bolt.

Returning specifically to the invention herein, the invention is primarily directed to the formation of a module utilizing vertically oriented frame members in a lattice structure. Referring to the figures, the frame members 4 used along the sides and the ends are substantially identical, and the purpose of the lattice framework is to

distribute the vertical load among all of the vertically oriented frame members. Thus, the frame members that form the walls support the vertical load of the module, as well the vertically oriented frame members which form the corners.

The primary rejection to Perri does show vertically oriented frame members, but those frame members are the corner sections and the corner sections are the frame members which substantially carry the entirety of the vertical load, without there being any way to distribute the vertical load elsewhere.

Claim 12 has been further amended to more specifically recite that the vertically frame members are located along one side of the module are located both at the corners and intermediate at the corners. The teaching of frame members which are vertically oriented frame members between the corners is not shown nor taught in the prior art, and this specific construction in conjunction with the other aspects of Claim 12 adequately define over the prior art. Neither Gormat nor Bolt disclose the novel combination as specifically identified in Claim 12 and as discussed above.

A one month extension of time is requested herein.

In view of the above action and comments, an early notice of allowance is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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